

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting held at Village Hall on March 14, 2019 at 7PM

Present: Michael Queenan, Mayor
Timothy Egan, Thomas Flood, Jesus Gomez and Andrea Giacomazza, Trustees
Absent: None
Also Present: Robert Weyant, Village Streets Superintendent; Richard Golden, Special Counsel to Village Board; Sandra Capriglione and Maria Hunter, Planning Board; John Smith, Town Parks Commissioner

I. Public Hearing:

a. Introductory Local Law 2 of 2019 – Tax Cap Override:

A public hearing was held to entertain public comment on Introductory Local Law 2 of 2019 to override the tax levy limit for FY2019-2020, if necessary. The public notice was printed in the Times Herald Record on March 5, 2019 and the following comments were received:

Mayor Queenan noted this public hearing is held annually as a precautionary maneuver in case it is deemed necessary to override the tax cap.

With no further comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to close the public hearing.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Gomez, Giacomazza
NOES 0

Mayor Queenan stated the Board will not be taking action on this issue until after the preliminary budget is finalized and it is determined if the law is necessary.

II. Administrative Business:

a. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to accept receipt of the minutes of the meeting held February 28, 2019.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Gomez, Giacomazza
NOES 0

b. Approval of Abstract:

Motion was offered by Trustee Gomez, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to approve Abstract 19 containing voucher 181733 - 181828 and totaling \$273,285.63.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Gomez, Giacomazza
NOES 0

c. Schedule Special Joint Meeting with Town Board – March 25 at 7PM:

Motion was offered by Trustee Egan, seconded by Trustee Giacomazza, to schedule a special meeting to be held on March 25, 2019 at 7PM at Village Hall. This meeting will be held jointly with the Town Board and the purpose is to discuss a possible settlement of the lawsuit the Town brought against the Village in early 2018.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Gomez, Giacomazza
NOES 0

III. Old Business:

a. Addendum to Consultant Agreement – VHB Hotel Overlay District:

Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Egan, to authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No 1 to the VHB contract for the consultant work they are doing for the zoning

amendments and SEQRA in relation to the Hotel Overlay District. The amount of the amendment is \$15,300.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Gomez, Giacomazza
 NOES 0

IV. New Business:

a. Credit Card Acceptance Agreement:

Motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Value Payment Systems to enable the acceptance of credit cards for the payment of water usage bills. There will be no cost to the Village for this service. Clerk Potvin was able to negotiate the fees that will be charged to the resident by the company for this service - 2.95%, with a minimum fee of \$1.95.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Gomez, Giacomazza
 NOES 0

b. Resolution – Think Differently:

Motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Egan, to adopt the following resolution calling on the Village of Woodbury, its residents and business owners, to adopt the "Think Differently" initiative to assist individuals with special needs and their families:

WHEREAS, the "Think Differently" initiative is about promoting awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all individuals living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs; and

WHEREAS, our State and communities are stronger because of our diversity and differences; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) over 55 million people, or approximately 19% of Americans, have a type of disability or special need; and

WHEREAS, for some people with special needs, the very things that make them unique can also keep them on the sidelines, separate from those who might not understand their differences or uniqueness; and

WHEREAS, it is important to promote and provide guidance to those with special needs on how to access publically supported services available to them in the community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage and education the community and businesses on ways they can make facilities and services more accessible and on how to train staff to welcome and support special needs customers and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this initiative is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities by supporting community events that expand family friendly opportunities for people with special needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, adopting the "Think Differently" initiative is an important statement with our Village officials, business owners and residents can make to show their support for the differently-abled children and adults with special needs, and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Village of Woodbury Board of Trustees to urge its residents and business owners to adopt the "Think Differently" initiative so that all are better prepared to communicate with, provide for, and support those living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Gomez, Giacomazza
 NOES 0

Mayor Queenan thanked Trustee Giacomazza for requesting that item be on the agenda this evening.

c. Planning Board Lead Agency – 345 Ridge Realty LLC:

Notification was received from the Planning Board of their declaration as Lead Agency on the application before them known as "345 Ridge Realty, LLC" for a three-lot subdivision of a parcel of land containing approximately 11.8 +/- acres, known as Section 204, Block 1, Lot 14.2 on the Village tax maps, located with frontage along Ridge Road, within the Village of Woodbury in Orange County, New York. Motion was offered by Trustee Flood, seconded by Trustee Egan, to authorize the Village Clerk to respond to the notice on behalf of the Village Board that they consent to the Planning Board serving as Lead Agency for the application.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Gomez, Giacomazza
 NOES 0

d. Liquor License Notification – Taco Express & Deli:

Notice was received on February 25, 2019 that Taco Express & Deli located at 514 Route 32, Highland Mills, is applying for a liquor license from the NYS Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control State Liquor Authority. Mayor Queenan stated a letter was sent to the Police Department to determine if there is any reason why the Village should object to this application being approved and they stated there have been no significant incidents that would prohibit the application. Therefore, Village Clerk Potvin was instructed to send a letter to the State Liquor Authority indicating the Village Board has no objection to the application.

V. Public Comment:

Joseph Zlata stated he has a concern about a potential way a resident can circumvent decisions rendered by the Planning Board. He noted an application was before the Planning Board for a house in Woodbury Junction to be built larger than what was originally approved. The individual eventually withdrew his application and said they would move forward with the previously approved design. However, after the home is constructed the individual could then apply to the Building Department for an expansion and there is nothing that exists to prohibit that from occurring/being approved. Mayor Queenan and the Board stated they would look into the issue to see what can be done.

VI. Department/Board Member Comments:

Trustee Giacomazza stated during his campaign the number one issue residents asked about was the lawsuit initiated by Supervisor Palermo against the Village and the taxpayers of Woodbury. He implores the residents to attend the special meeting on March 25 to listen to the discussion that will be held. Since there will be no public comment, he encouraged individuals to send him their questions and he will be sure to ask them at the meeting. Trustee Gomez thanked all for attending and participating tonight. Trustee Flood recognized the passing of Herman Galbred earlier this week and highlighted some of the things Mr. Galbred volunteered for in the community. Trustee Egan stated he agrees with the comments made by Trustee Giacomazza, adding the meeting is open to the public because he implored the Mayor and Supervisor to do so.

VII. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss or comments received, a motion was offered by Trustee Giacomazza, seconded by Trustee Gomez, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20PM.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Queenan, Egan, Flood, Gomez, Giacomazza
 NOES 0

Desiree Potvin, Village Clerk

After adjournment the Board entered into a meeting with the attorney for legal advice.